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The Boy Escaped, Didn't He?

The Central Intelligence Agency is an arm of our government which doesn't answer to anyone, even Congress. Spends what it wants, does what it wants, gives no accounting.

It is an agency which has gained prominence for snubbery. No one knows better than U. S. Sen. Frank Church (D-Ida.).

The senator wished to send certain information to CIA Director John McCone. Too confidential for a phone call. So the senator wrote a communication to McCone, sealed it in an envelope, sent it over to CIA headquarters "by hand," more specifically by a Senate page boy.

Many years hence, the page boy can regale his grandchildren with the story of how he was GRILLED three and a half hours by CIA security police.

He was sent back with the letter. The guards wouldn't even accept the envelope with its enclosed information. It makes you wonder if FREE information is taboo in the CIA citadel.

The outfit is too puzzling for most citizens, including us. Under the circumstances, we'd like to congratulate the page boy for escaping with all his limbs.

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